GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of coal is meagre as against the large coal reserves in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of coal to meet the growing demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO)

(a) and (b) The production of coal in the country is planned based on the demand projections of Planning Commission. If the demand of coal increases, the production can be correspondingly increased but the production potential is decided by a combination of factors like technological compatibility, conservation, safety and safeguarding of environment etc. The coal seams are required to be mined in a systematic manner with due economic consideration. The All India production of coal during 2004-05 was 382.14 million tonnes, while the proved coal reserves of the country as on 1.1.2005 are 92,960 million tonnes. Coal India Limited has exceeded its Annual Action Plan target for coal production during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05.

(c) The following steps have been taken by Government to increase the production to meet the growing demand:â€”

(i) 101 mining projects have been considered to be taken up during Tenth Plan.
(ii) Advancing of planned production of CIL.
(iii) Mechanization/modernization of existing mines.
(iv) Improvement in equipment utilisation.
(v) Increasing productivity in underground and opencast mines.
(vi) Timely implementation of projects.
(vii) Allotment of coal blocks to end users for captive mining.